

REMARKS AND ELECTION

This application has been carefully considered in light of the Restriction Requirement mailed August 1, 2005. In the Office Action, the Examiner has required an election under 35 U.S.C. 121 of species for continued prosecution of the application on the merits. The Examiner has identified the following as being distinct species: the embodiments of Figs. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 11a, 14, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23 and 24. Applicants elect the species shown in Fig. 3 for purposes of this response and election. The election is made without traverse subject to the understanding that the claims directed to non-elected species will be considered on the merits if they depend or are amended to depend from an allowable generic claim.

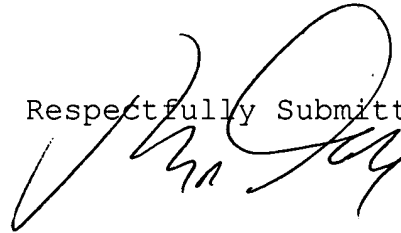
Currently, it is believed that claim 1 is generic to the species of the invention shown in Figs. 1, 2, 3, 19, 20, 23 and 24. The elected species shown in Fig. 3 are embodied in claims 1, 3, 6, 8, 9 and 10.

Claims 1 and 2 read of the embodiment of Fig.1; claims 1, 4, 5 and 7 read on the embodiment of Fig. 2; claims 1, 25, and 31-35 read on the embodiment of Fig. 19; claims 36-41 and 43 read on the embodiment of Fig. 20; claims 1, 44, 46 and 47 read on the embodiment of Fig. 23; and claims 1, 44 and 45 read on the embodiment of Fig. 24.

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning this matter, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney of record at the telephone number shown below for purposes of further expediting the prosecution of this application.

As this response is being filed after the shortened statutory period, a separate request for extension of time until November 1, 2005, is submitted herewith. Any deficiencies in the extension fees may be charged to Deposit Account 04-1577.

Respectfully Submitted;



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